THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (e) A request was received from the Government of Assam for Central assistance of Rs. 72.00 crores for upgradation of Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati. Later, on the suggestion of an expert team from Directorate General of Health Services, the State Government requested that while the project may be approved for implementation during 9th Plan period, part of the amount may be approved for attending to priority areas during 1996-97. Accordingly, Planning Commission has agreed in principle to provide Rs. 9.50 crores for the purpose in the Annual Plan 1996-97 or 1997-98. The Planning Commission has also asked the State Government to send the detailed proposal for upgradation for its consideration alongwith the Annual Plan document.

Projects in Nehru Yuvak Kendras

2292. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various projects started and completed so far in Nehru Yuvak Kendras of Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total amount sanctioned for each project year-wise during the last three years and progress made in this regard in each district of Maharashtra;

(c) the names of the proposed schemes/projects likely to be undertaken in each district of Maharashtra during 1997 to 2000 AD;

(d) the details ot the sources of income required for carrying out the activities of Nehru Yuvak Kendras; and

(e) the details of the grounds on which financial assistance is provided to these Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Policy on Admission on Technical/ Engineering Institutions

2293. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have finalised a comprehensive national policy on admission to technical/ engineering courses in Government/private institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body responsible for proper planning and coordinated development of Technical Education system throughout the country has laid down regulations for admissions to technical institutions which were notified in the Gazette in May, 1994.

[Translation]

Ex-Servicemen

2294. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the funds provided for the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) the facilities extended by the Union Government, for the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the amount sanctioned for the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) As on 31.12.96, a total number of 2,39,455 ex-Servicemen were registered with various Zila Sainik Boards in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) During the last three financial years, loans/ financial assistance were provided to the ex-Servicemen of the State under three Self Employment Schemes (SEMFEXs) as under :-

Year	Amount
	(Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	65.51
1994-95	134.32
1995-96	175.31

Besides, an expenditure of Rs. 9,60,931 has been incurred under PEXSEM Scheme in Uttar Pradesh for training of ex-Servicemen during 1993-94 and 1994-95.

(c) The Central Government schemes and programmes for rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen are applicable to the ex-Servicemen residing in all the States